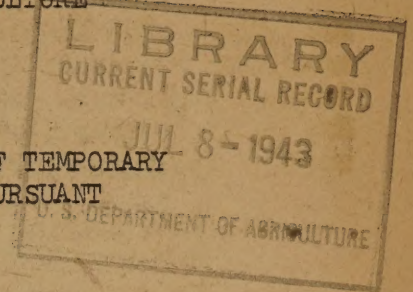


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INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO FURNISHING OF TEMPORARY  
HOUSING FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PURSUANT  
TO PUBLIC LAW 45



Public Law 45 (78th Congress), approved April 29, 1943, making an appropriation to assist in providing a supply and distribution of farm labor for the calendar year 1943, provides in section 2(a) that funds appropriated by that law and apportioned to the States for expenditure by the agricultural extension services may be expended for "(3) lease, repair, alteration and operation of labor supply centers and other necessary facilities and services, including former Civilian Conservation Corps camps". This clause does not authorize the use of the funds to construct labor supply centers or camps. The Congress clearly intended that in the housing of agricultural labor, financed with the appropriated funds, every effort should be made to make full use of all existing housing facilities either owned by governmental agencies or by private persons.

It was also provided in section 2(a) that the funds apportioned to the States might be expended for "(2) transportation, supervision, subsistence, protection, health and medical and burial services and shelter for such workers and their families and necessary personal property". Thus the funds are authorized to be used to furnish necessary shelter for agricultural workers. Congress recognized that if large groups of agricultural workers were transported from one section of the country to another or from a foreign country to the United States, shelter, in addition to that available on individual farms, would have to be furnished. In most cases such shelter will be available in existing governmental camps or may be obtained by leasing privately-owned facilities. However, it is recognized that there may be unusual emergency situations in which it will be impossible to obtain by the use of existing governmental and private camps and other facilities necessary temporary shelter for some groups of agricultural workers. In such unusual cases, it may be necessary to purchase temporary shelter in the form of tents, trailers, or knock-down portable shelters. It is assumed that such temporary shelter would be used to complete already existing governmental or privately-owned camps, for example, by the addition of a mess tent.

If such emergency situations arise, requests for authority to use funds apportioned to the States for the purchase of such temporary shelter should be made by the county extension agent or other appropriate representative of the State extension service to the State director of



extension. The State director of extension, if he determines that it is necessary to use funds apportioned to the State for the purchase of such temporary shelter, should submit his request with recommendations to Mr. M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Work, Washington, D. C. His request should include such matters as the following:

- (1) Full details as to why it is impossible to provide the required shelter by the use of existing facilities owned by agencies of the Federal Government, or by the lease, repair, alteration and operation of housing facilities owned by private persons;
- (2) The number and type of agricultural workers who will use such shelter;
- (3) The locality in which it is proposed to use the temporary shelter, the date when such shelter will be required, and the period during which it will be used in that locality; and
- (4) A detailed description of the type of temporary shelter which is requested to be purchased and the cost of such shelter.

After appropriate consideration, the State director of extension will be advised whether the funds apportioned to the State may be used to purchase the temporary shelter requested. The funds may not be used for such purpose without the approval of the Director of Extension Work and Lt. Col. Jay L. Taylor, Deputy Administrator, War Food Administration.

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